

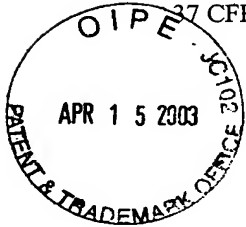
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**GROUP 3600****SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Applicants submit this Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and hereby make of record the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. A copy of the listed documents and English translations are attached hereto. The translations have been prepared by the JPO using an electronic translation system in IPDL.

This submission is not an admission that the information disclosed in the attached reference is material to the patentability of the invention disclosed and/or claimed in the above-identified application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in all respects in condition for examination on the merits.


Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed documents as a competent reference against the claims of this application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the enclosed

reference.in determining the patentability of the claimed invention. Applicants also request that the Examiner return a copy of the enclosed Supplemental Information Disclosure Citation with initials or other marks indicating that the references has been so considered.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection herewith to deposit Account No. 50-1529.

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